

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments to the claims and following remarks.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the drawings under 35 C.F.R. 1.83(a), Applicants have amended claim 1 and has written new claim 35 that was formerly dependent on claim 1 and new claim 36 that was formerly dependent on claim 17 to refer to a "magnet plate" instead of an "armature" to render the claims consistent with the Specification. The Specification refers to a magnet plate 32 that is shown in the drawing. All references to "an armature" have been cancelled from the claims. It is respectfully submitted that no proposed drawing correction is required in view of these amendments to the claims. Claims 8 and 24 relating to the E-shaped armature have been cancelled.

Claims 15, 16, 31 and 32 were objected to because of certain informalities noted by the Examiner. In response to this objection to the claims, Applicants have cancelled claims 15, 16, 31 and 32.

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 20 to delete the reference to "the elongated shaft" and instead refer to the "driveshaft" for which there is clear antecedent basis in claim 17.

Claim 33 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, because of the recitation of a "drive shaft/torsion bar." In response, Applicants have cancelled claim 33.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 3, 7, 19 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

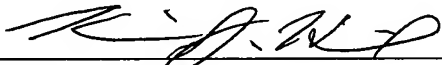
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Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3. Claim 7 has been rewritten as new claim 35 that includes all of the limitations of former claims 1 and 7. Claim 17 has been amended to include all of the limitations of former claims 17, 18 and 19. New claim 36 has been added that corresponds to original claims 17 and 23. Claims 3, 7, 8, 15-16, 18-19, 23-24 and 31-34 have been cancelled.

Applicants have attempted to place this case in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney if it would advance prosecution of this case. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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